

**Study Aids**  
Discussion Questions and Suggested Reading  
For “What’s the Message?” Lessons

Lesson 105

Comment:

Back in Lesson 94, we made the statement that the Qu’ran teaches that Jesus was only a man, not God. This logic continues with the argument that it would be impossible for God to die on the cross. To Islam, such an event would insult and degrade the power of the Creator God, and could never happen. Therefore, Jesus – although He was only a man, but a prophet – was not allowed to die on the cross, it only appeared that way. A death by punishment is seen by Islam as a defeat, and must be rejected as an act to save us.

Questions:

To defeat Jesus, and eliminate Him once and for all, was the objective of the leaders of the Sanhedrin. As you see it, could they really have thought that by killing Jesus, they would silence His followers? Did it appear that way at first?

Are there times when economic and international events appear to outweigh everything to the point that you begin to doubt that God is still in control of our world? What message has God given you to counter such appearances?

Suggested reading for further study:

Back in Lesson 45 we first suggested the book **Great People of the Bible and How They Lived**, from Reader’s Digest. This book can be purchased from the Association and is available in most libraries. Chapter 24 relates to this lesson.